

BOYCOTT NOT UNLAWFUL SAYS MICHIGAN JUDGE

Grand Rapids, Mich.—Judge John McDonald of the Circuit Court has dissolved a temporary injunction against trade unionists advertising an unfair business man, and has ruled that "the principle is well settled that if loss to an employer results from a peaceful assertion by workmen of their rights it is a damage without a remedy."

Ernest A. Prange, a jeweler, employed non-union builders and was placed on the "We Don't Patronize List" by organized labor. He started suit for \$50,000 damages and secured a temporary injunction restraining officers and members of the trade unions, and Editor Claude O. Taylor, editor of the Observer, from advertising him as opposed to organized labor. Later Prange waived his claim for damages and assured the court he would be satisfied if the injunction was made permanent. Prange's attorney insisted that the case involved intimidation and coercion and elements of conspiracy that should be restrained.

In setting aside the temporary injunction, the court said:

"Clearly, the purpose of this act was to divert patronage from Mr. Prange. This the defendants had a right to do, for the courts all held that in cases of industrial disputes labor unions may use peaceable persuasion, either oral or written, to induce the customers and the general public to withhold their patronage from one held to be unfriendly."

"From a review of the evidence, which is practically undisputed, it is my judgment that the complainant has not presented a case which would justify interference by a court of equity for, as I have endeavored to point out, so long as the object sought is lawful and the means used to attain it are lawful, the court cannot interfere, even though injury results. The principle is well settled that if loss to an employer results from a peaceable assertion by workmen of their rights it is a damage without a remedy."

UNLIMITED BENEFITS POSSIBLE BY UNITING

Chicago.—"The underlying principles governing trade unions tend to kindle the fires of sympathy, of mutual helpfulness and co-operation," writes President Perkins of the Cigar Makers' International union in the official journal of that organization.

"Organization develops the finer attributes inherent in the human frame and tends to mitigate the influence of the baser instincts."

"Organization is a potent factor in the distribution of wealth; it tends to reduce the exorbitant profits appropriated by capital and adds to the share rightfully claimed by labor."

"Organization tends to eliminate passion and prejudice; it strengthens the desire for fair play, equity, economic and social justice. It creates a healthier view of the relations between capital and labor."

"Organization fosters and encourages the interests and aspirations of a growing majority against the grasping selfishness of a dwindling minority."

"Organization offers a haven of refuge for the oppressed of all nations upon terms of equality, of equal rights and duties to men and women."

"Organization imparts strength, develops independence and manhood; it cements the bonds of common interest in a wider field of mutual endeavor and in the promotion of the common welfare."

"Organization stands as a barrier against the selfish interests and encroachments of entrenched wealth and its destructive tendencies to reduce the masses of the people to a state of semi-pauperism during periods of industrial depression."

"Organization analyzes and rejects the sham reforms and false pretenses of so-called philanthropists; it exposes the fallacies of the doctrines of political economists in their efforts to justify the poverty and degradation of the masses."

"Organization imparts the banner of lofty ideals, of new hopes and aspirations, bearing a new message dedicated to the promotion of the general welfare of the toilers of the land."

FIRE TRAP EMPLOYER JAILED.

New York.—Samuel Barkin, an officer of the Essex Shirt company, was sentenced to Sing Sing prison for not less than two and one-half years and not more than five and one-half years by Supreme Court Justice Kapper.

Barkin was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree in connection with the fire in the factory building of the Diamond Candy company, Brooklyn, November 6, 1915, in which 12 persons lost their lives.

Barkin's concern occupied the third floor. His conviction was based upon the fact that a door in his factory was kept locked, in violation of the labor law. This, it was shown, prevented escape of the workers and caused the great loss of life.

"The lesson of this conviction should be far-reaching and should provide greater security hereafter to all factory operatives," said Justice Kapper, in passing sentence.

Barkin's partner and the owner of the building and her husband are awaiting trial on indictments similar to the one on which Barkin was tried.

GOVERNOR HUNT DEFEATED.

Phoenix, Ariz.—The State supreme court has ruled that Thomas E. Campbell, who opposed Governor Hunt, in the election last fall, was properly elected. The successful contestant was given a certificate of election after a plurality of 26. Governor Hunt appealed to the supreme court, which now holds that the certificate is prima facie evidence of election. Justice Cunningham dissented from this decision.

Governor Hunt was loyally supported by the trade union movement of this State because of his refusal to permit the importation of gunmen during the strike of copper miners in the Clifton-Metall-Morenci district, which started September 11, 1915. The strikers won and the operators attempted to have Governor Hunt recalled.

GOMPERS CABLES LEGIEN.

Washington.—When President Wilson announced that he had severed diplomatic relations with Germany, President Gompers cabled this message to Carl Legien, president of the General Federation of Trade Unions of Germany:

"Legien, Berlin—Can't you prevail upon German Government to avoid break with United States and thereby prevent universal conflict?"

Last June when relations between Mexico and the United States had almost reached the breaking point, President Gompers addressed this message to Gen. Carranza, chief of the Mexican Government:

"In the name of common justice and humanity, in the interest of a better understanding between the peoples and the governments of the United States and Mexico, for the purpose of giving the opportunity to maintain peace and avoid the horrors of war, upon the grounds of highest patriotism and love, I appeal to you to release the American soldiers held by your officers in Chihuahua."

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AMUSEMENTS

LYRIC.

Gorgeous, barbaric and tuncful "Kalinka" will again be most charmingly pictured at the Lyric Theatre, by that presenter of bewitching musical comedies, Arthur Hammerstein, for a week's engagement starting next Sunday evening.

This play with its melodious music by Rudolf Friml, its sparkling comedy by Otto Hauerbach, its deliciously captivating lyrics and sprightly dances have made an impression on theatre-goers both in Cincinnati and the eastern and western metropolis. And its beauty and charm still lingers in the memories of its beholders at Cincinnati's Lyric Theatre, long after other musical comedies had been forgotten. Manager Hammerstein, always on the lookout for novelties, has secured at last a musical comedy that has a plot sufficient to even play without music, and with the many lilting melodies in addition one can readily understand why "Kalinka" has created the furore it has wherever it has been presented.

The company will be identically the same as appeared here previously, T. Roy Barnes, that versatile comedian, heading the cast, ably aided by Audrey Maple, A. Robins, Ada Meade, David Reese, May Janese, Albert Sackett, Minna Phillips, Bourke Sullivan, Bernard Gorcey and the same youthful choristers of the first distinction, which for looks and youth have never been equalled.

EMPRESS.

It is a wonderful bill of splendid vaudeville acts that is offered for next week at the Empress Theatre—music, song, beauty, refreshing and youthful daintiness, fascinating femininity, fun of the screaming description, snappy, lively dances, humor of the cleanest and most wholesome brand and sensational features—all will make up an ideal and varied performance, and those who miss it will simply deprive themselves of a real pleasure.

This splendid program will include at least two headliners who have found unlimited applause at the hands of thousands in the principal vaudeville theatres of the country, and each is totally different from any that has been seen at the Empress this season. In point of numbers, "A Night in the Park," takes precedence, for there are seven people in its cast. It is a song comedy based on original and popular lines. It has a quartette of fine voices, a couple of pretty and charming girls, and a couple of droll comedians, who are genuinely humorous. Each of the seven is an artist in his own right—a personnel every member of which has made a lasting and favorable impression in the theatrical world. In addition to these it has a scenic surrounding of rareness, representing a section of a park where its melodious and unusual characters meet and view the strange spectacle of the water witch dancing at midnight over the waters of the many colored fountain.

The other headline attraction has been the principal feature on many high-class programs: Bush and Shapiro, the Yiddish cut-ups and two of the greatest laugh-makers in stageland. These two fellows are not caricatures; they are honestly and legitimately funny, and many audiences have screamed their heads off laughing with the pair of richly gifted humorists. Their material is new, their dialect is a revelation and they are "great."

Five other big features are offered on the same bill, including Fanny Keeler and Billy Belmont, in the rollicking comedy, "Taking Chances"; Bob and Peggy Valentine, presenting original songs and hilarity; Joe Flynn, "the man with the book"; Bassett and Bailey, to whom the unexpected always happens; and a program of funny photo-films.

SENTENCE IS SUSPENDED.

Edward Perry, indicted on a charge of murder in connection with the killing of James Shall, nonunion painter, at Christ Hospital, was given a suspended sentence of six months in jail and fined \$200 and costs by Judge Fred Hoffman Wednesday. Perry had served 201 days. He pleaded guilty to attacking Clarence Kroeger, another nonunion painter.

Herbert Doty, indicted with Perry, will enter a plea similar to Perry's. Prosecutor Campbell said.

SHEET METAL WORKERS GAIN.

Philadelphia.—Sheet Metal Workers' Union, No. 19, has secured an eight-hour contract with employers in this city. The shorter work day, with a Saturday half holiday, is to become effective May 1. Wage rates will be 56½ cents an hour. On work outside of the city the employer will pay all expenses and double time for holidays.

POLISHERS LOCKED OUT.

Marion, Ind.—The Delta Electric Company locked out its metal polishers because they joined the union of their craft. This concern compelled its employees to work nine and one-half hours a day for 22 cents an hour.

HIGHER WAGES URGED.

Sacramento, Cal.—A bill has been introduced in the State legislature that would increase wages of compositors, pressmen and bookbinders employed in the State printing office from \$5 to \$5.50 a day.

WANT THE CHILDREN TO KNOW

Kansas City, Mo.—The local central body favors the principles of trade unionism being taught in the public schools and has asked every member of organized labor to petition the board of education to this effect.

MANY CONVICTS INSANE.

Trenton, N. J.—Fully 25 per cent of the men sentenced to state prison here are insane, testified Dr. Henry A. Cotton, medical director of the state hospital, before a prison inquiry commission.

VOTING ON WAGE INCREASES.

San Francisco.—The Bay Counties' District Council of Carpenters has submitted to a referendum vote a new wage scale that will increase rates from \$5 to \$5.60 a day.

MAHON ON A. F. OF L. BOARD.

Washington.—The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has elected William D. Mahon eighth vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Third Vice-President Hayes.

The new vice-president is president of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America. Last year he, together with President Wolf, of the International Photo Engravers' union, represented the American Federation of Labor at the British Trades Union Congress.

As It Is Nowadays.

Teacher—"If a man gets four dollars for working eight hours a day, what would he get if he worked ten hours a day?"

Johnny—"Ten hours a day? He'd get a call-down from de union."—Century.

Practical.
"It is no use trying to get away from the solemn fact that the woman of today is a most practical and resourceful creature," said the man who has known a few.

"What makes you think so?" a friend asked.

"The unsentimental attitude of a girl I know. I told her that she had inspired some of my best poems. She didn't say a word about the poems, but she wrote to my publishers for a percentage of the royalties."—New York Times.

He Understood.

A certain Church of England bishop, desirous of affecting economy, was traveling in a third-class carriage with a rather rough-looking workman. The latter exhibited surprise at such superior company, and, consumed by curiosity, inquired:

"I suppose you are a poor curate, sir?"
"Er—no," weakly replied the bishop, "not exactly—but I was once a curate."

"I see," commented the other; "that 'orrid drink again.'"

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